of complaints received by Government, number of requests agreed to and still pending for consideration is not centrally maintained.

Supreme Court Ruling Against Official Harassment

1015. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the recent judgement by the Supreme Court reported in Hindustan Times dated the 18th November, 1993 about holding personnel in the administration responsible for the undue delay resulting in inaction, damages and mental agony to the citizens who have made representations to the administration for redressal of their problems ; and

(b) whether Government would direct those in administrative services to be prompt and warn them serious consequences for lapses and undue delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Existing instructions already provide inter alia that deterrent and prompt action should be taken against a Government servant if it is established that he has acted in a discourteous manner or adopted dilatory tactics in his dealings with the public. Recovery from the pay of a Government servant, of a whole or part of pecuniary loss caused by him to the Government by negligence or breach of orders is also among the formal penalties provided in the rules.

कोलम्बो योजना के अन्तर्गत विदेश भेजे गए सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों के अधिकारी

1016. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कोलम्बो योजना के अन्तर्गत गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सरकारी उपक्रमों के कुल कितने अधिकारियों को विदेश भेजा गया;

(ख) क्या कोई मार्गनिर्देश विनियम बनाए गए हैं जिनके अन्तर्गत अधिकारियों को प्रशिक्षण हेतु विदेश भेजा जाता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री और उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों अर्थात 1990-91, 1991-92 तथा 1992-93 के दौरान कोलम्बो योजना के अन्तर्गत सरकारी क्षेत्र के 296 कार्यपालकों को प्रशिक्षण के लिये विदेश भेजा गया है।

(ख) और (ग) कोलम्बो योजना के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न पाठ्यक्रम हैं और इन पाठ्यक्रमों में से प्रत्येक के लिये शैक्षिक अर्हतायें, आयु, सेवा अवधि तथा सम्बद्ध अनुभव की अपेक्षायें भिन्न-भिन्न हैं। सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों के कार्यपालकों, जिन्हें सरकारी क्षेत्र के सम्बद्ध उपक्रमों द्वारा प्रायोजित किया जाता है, का चयन उपर्युक्त अपेक्षाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुये किया जाता है।

Development of non-forest waste-land

1017. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to raise an army ex-servicemen for the development of the non-forest waste-lands in inaccessible and inhospitable terrains ;

(b) whether the task force is proposed to be assigned the job of developing forests, mountains, ravines and mine areas so as to bring them into sustainable use;

(c) whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been arrived at; and

(d) if so, what are the areas that are likely to be undertaken in the first phase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) and (b) The Department of Wastelands Development is considering a proposal for the creation of a Wastelands Development Force for the development of non-forest wastelands in inaccessible and inhospitable terrains including mountains, ravines and mined areas.

(c) and (d) For development of non-forest wastelands in the difficult and ravinous areas of Madhya Pradesh including the districts of Morena and Bhind, the Department of Wastelands Development has proposed the raising of a Wastelands Development Task Force. The strength of the Force would depend upon the availability of wastelands and availability of funds.

Complaints Regarding Bungling in the Funds of JRY

1018. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received several complaints regarding bungling in the funds of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the scheme smoothly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) A few complaints have been received by the Government of India regarding misuse of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) funds. Considering the number of panchayats involved in the implementation of the Yojana in the country, the number of complaints regarding the misuse of JRY funds are relatively few. Whenever such complaints are received in the Ministry of Rural Development, they are referred to the concerned State Governments for inquiry and appropriate remedial action. Some of the State Governments have suspended the officers/sarpanches found responsible for misuse of JRY funds. Criminal cases have also been initiated against the officers/carpanches who have committed irregularities in the utilisation of JRY funds.

Instructions have been issued to the village panchayats to appoint a vigilance committee for each village under its jurisdiction to oversee, supervise and monitor the implementation of works under the programme. The State Governments have also drawn up a programme of inspections of these works by senior officers, from State/district/block levels who are required to tour intensively and inspect the work in the villages/district a frequency decided by the State Level Co-ordination Committee (SLCC). This is supplemented by the visits of the Central Government officers who have been assigned specific areas for such visits and follow-up. These officers are also deputed specially to enquire and report on the complaints received, if the complaints are of a serious nature.

(c) JRY is continuously monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports received from the State Governments. Government of India convenes meetings of the State Governments periodically to review the programme with a view to effecting improvements in the quality of implementation of the programme. Government of India also organises workshops for the Project Directors of the District Development Agencies (DRDAs)/Zilla Parishads (ZPs) to discuss with them the problems regarding the implementation of JRY so as to ensure smooth implementation of the scheme.